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cc: Mr. Rankin
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James J. Bowley, Chief
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Chief Bowley:

In accordance with the procedure agreed upon at the meeting of March 11, 1964, we have prepared the attached outline of questions regarding protection of the President.

These questions supplement the series of questions dealing with Secret Service protective activities during the Dallas trip, which we submitted with my letter of March 24, 1964.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

Enclosure

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Questions for Secret Service

1. Does the Secret Service draw on other Treasury law enforcement activities for personnel and other assistance in protecting the President?

2. Could the Secret Service be assisted in its Presidential protection operations by other Federal law enforcement agencies, when the President is visiting cities in which they have agents? For example, it has been suggested that agents of all the Treasury Department enforcement units should be given a basic course in Presidential protection, and assigned temporarily to duty work when the President visits a city within their territory.

3. Is too great a risk presented by having both the President and Vice President participate in an exposed public function, such as the Dallas motorcade?

4. Describe what steps, if any, the Secret Service has taken since November 22, 1963, or which it intends to take, to revise its procedures in the following areas:

   (a) Liaison with other federal, state, and local law enforcement and intelligence agencies.

   (b) The activities of the Protective Research Section in identifying and maintaining timely information concerning individuals who are risks or potential risks to the life of the President.

   (c) Activities of the Protective Research Section in the development of devices for protecting the President.

   (d) Checks or inspection of buildings or other possible hazards along the route of a motorcade or other activities to aid in protection.

5. In view of such changes as the Secret Service has made or intends to make in its procedures in effect on November 22, 1963, does it require additional funds, equipment or personnel? If so, how much?

6. Possible Legislative Changes

a. Would it assist the Secret Service in its Presidential protection functions if murder of or assault upon the President, Vice President, and perhaps other high Government officials, should be made a federal crime?

b. If conversation or attempted communication were made a federal crime, which federal law enforcement agencies should be responsible for handling the investigative work?

c. Would the Secret Service be assisted by a clear statutory expression of its authority in security matters, particularly with respect to the binding effect of its security advice upon the person under its protection?

d. Is there any other legislative change that might be of assistance to the Secret Service in its Presidential protection functions?